

FMNR Hub at World Vision Australia

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The Farmer-Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR) Hub at World Vision Australia leads and fosters the development of FMNR globally through coordination, collaboration, communication, building evidence and science, and project fundraising. Particularly, it:

- initiates projects in new regions;
- acts as a communications hub and knowledge bank;
- coordinates the network of partners and collaborators for a global FMNR movement;
- provides technical support to projects; and
- advocates and raises funds for FMNR projects.

In turn, this helps empower poor families and communities living on degraded farms and grazing lands to:

- make their land productive again;
- overcome food shortages and hunger through the production of diversified, nutritional crops and timber products; and
- improve community resilience to drought, flood and other environmental shocks.

Further resourcing of the Hub will help spread FMNR practices across four continents at a much faster rate than World Vision could ever achieve through the current project-by-project approach.

Based on current projections, over a five-year period the FMNR Hub will:

- initiate the regeneration of more than 2 million hectares of farmlands and woodlands; and
- initiate direct benefits to over 70,000 farming families and indirect benefits to over 2 million people in the catchment areas.

Recent achievements and activities

- Tony Rinaudo was shortlisted for the Guardian International Development Achievement Award 2013.
- FMNR won the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) Land for Life Award 2013.
- FMNR was listed third in The Guardian's "Africa innovations: 15 ideas helping to transform a continent" in 2012.

- A website has been established at fmrhub.com.au to share news, project information, reports and research globally.
- World Vision Australia participated as a founding member of the Evergreen Agriculture Network, hosted by the World Agroforestry Centre in Nairobi, leading to partnerships in various sustainable agricultural projects in East Africa.
- Feature articles on FMNR from a media visit to Timor-Leste were published in The Melbourne Age and Sydney Morning Herald Good Weekend Magazine in April 2014.
- A short documentary on the development of FMNR in Timor-Leste was released in April 2014.
- Supporters participated in a trip to Ethiopia in March 2014 with World Vision Australia Chief Executive Tim Costello, to learn more about FMNR and agroforestry research findings.
- A multi-stakeholder FMNR workshop was held for World Vision, other local NGOs and the Ethiopian Government in the Oromia region of Ethiopia.
- A monitoring visit was conducted for FMNR projects in East Sumba, Indonesia, resulting in further opportunities for scale-up of FMNR.
- World Vision Australia supported and participated in a national FMNR conference in Uganda in June 2014.
- World Vision Australia has produced an FMNR Impacts Study, identifying 24 key social, environmental and economic impacts. The soon-to-be-released study will influence ongoing research into FMNR.

Project length: April 2013 – March 2018

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